- Specific Transmission Lines associated with Parbati-ll (800 MW) HEP and Koldam (800 MW) HEP, covering areas in Northern Region, are proposed to be executed on JV route.

- Specific Transmission Lines associated with Maithon Thermal Power Station (1000 MW), covering areas in Eastern Region & Northern Region, are proposed to be executed on JV Route.

- Transmission Lines associated with Western Region System Strengthening Scheme-ll (Part B & C) have been taken up on IPTC route. NIT has been issued on Cost based International Competitive Bidding Basis on 21.11.05.

- A number of private companies, who are setting up power generation facilities, have approached PGCIL for setting up of the transmission systems on Joint Venture Route, with the private companies being majority partners. Discussions are underway and are at varying stages for formation of Joint Ventures.

Replacement of words In Electricity Act

3148. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has sent a set of proposals to various Ministries for replacing certain words in the Electricity Act to reduce the independence and powers of regulator;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposals have been vetted by the Law Ministry; and

(d) if so, what are the comments made by the Law Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) There is no proposal to amend the Electricity Act, 2003 to reduce the independence and powers of the Electricity Regulatory Commissions.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.